

## Media release

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### **Rössing Uranium celebrates World Environmental Day**

**8 June 2021**

Rössing Uranium partnered with the Arandis Town Council to clean the outskirts of Arandis townlands and the access road to the mine in celebration of World Environmental Day, on Saturday, 5 June 2021 under the theme “‘Ecosystem Restoration’.

Over the years, Rössing Uranium has taken part in this celebration as an opportunity for promoting environmental awareness and showcase environmental work to our communities.

This day serves as a reminder to all that our world is fragile, that we need to do better collectively – it is a steady reminder that Earth is all we got, so it is for us to take care of our environment.

Ecosystems support all life on Earth. The healthier our ecosystems are, the healthier the planet - and its people. This year also marks the formal launch of the United Nation Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021 – 2030.

At Rössing, ecosystems and associated biodiversity are managed through our Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) that follows the mitigation hierarchy which aims to prevent, minimise, restore and rehabilitate Rössing's' footprint. This hierarchy enables Rössing to reduce, minimise and restore its impact on the ecosystem.

“We cannot stress enough that we cannot turn back time, but we can grow trees, green our cities, re-wild our garden and clean up rivers and our communities, said Jacklyn Mwenze, Rössing Uranium’s manager Health, Safety, Environment and Protections Services.

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#### **About Rössing Uranium**

Uranium was discovered in the Namib Desert in 1928, but it was not until intensive exploration in the late 1950s that much interest was shown in the area. After discovering numerous uranium occurrences, Rio Tinto secured the rights to the low-grade Rössing deposit in 1966. Ten years later, in 1976, Rössing Uranium, Namibia’s first commercial uranium mine, began operating and celebrated its 40th year of production in 2016.

Leading in a new era of optimism for Rössing Uranium, China National Uranium Corporation Limited (CNUC) became the new majority shareholder in Rössing Uranium, the world’s longest-running, open-pit uranium mine. This follows the sale of Rio Tinto’s 68.62 per cent shareholding to CNUC on 16 July 2019.

China National Uranium Corporation's majority shareholding in Rössing Uranium opens the door to a new era for the mine, the Erongo Region and Namibia. Building on its strong and proud history, Rössing Uranium has been a driving force of positive change in Namibia since its inception in 1976. This legacy can now continue to grow, especially beyond its current life-of-mine projection of 2026.

CNUC is a subsidiary of state-owned China National Nuclear Corporation (CNNC), the main force in China's nuclear market with significant involvement in the nuclear fuel cycle supply chain in that country.

Rössing Uranium's new owner is the only authorised, national uranium production and operations company in China, engaged in uranium exploration, mining and processing.

With more than 60 years' experience in mine construction and operation, CNUC focuses on managing its parent company's domestic and overseas uranium businesses, which range from uranium exploration, mining and milling to conversion and other related fields.